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For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. -Habakkuk 2:14

UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN MEXICO



March 31-April 4 Puebla hosted the National Conference for students involved in Vida Estudiantil throughout Mexico. 250 students from all over the country came, trusting God with

a willing heart to grow in their faith. It was awesome to see and interact with a tide of students God raised up to believe in Him to reach this world for his name's sake. The theme was "Under Construction" and focused on the work God does in our lives through our relationship with Him and others around us. We are all in process and growing into the likeness of Christ. Students were challenged to move in the direction God created them to be by hearing the Word and make important decisions.

Here is what some of the students had to say about their experience:

- "It helped me to recognize that I must give my life and my heart over to Jesus."
- "My experience was that I had never before been part of a group so given over to God as this one. I think that I'll never forget it."
- "It reminded me that I serve and follow God not for what He gives me or has given me, but for who He is, and He is truth and love."
- "It cleared up doubts, and gave me the necessary information to take steps of faith and have more clarity in my walk."

TACO LIBRE

One of my jobs through the conference was to be a luchador (professional wrestler) actor in a video series called "Taco Libre". (R: Cast and crew) It was a lot of fun and a spoof on the movie *Nacho*



THOUGHTS OF CONVICTION:

Prayer is none other than an expanding of our hearts in the presence of God.

-John Calvin

The pleasure of pride is like the pleasure of scratching. If there is an itch one does want to scratch; but it is much nicer to have neither the itch nor the scratch. ...the happiest moments are those when we forget about our precious selves, but instead have everything else.

-C.S. Lewis

Be killing sin, or it will be killing you.

-John Owen

Masculinity and passivity are mutually exclusive.

-John Eldredge

Are you humble enough to be care free?

-John Piper

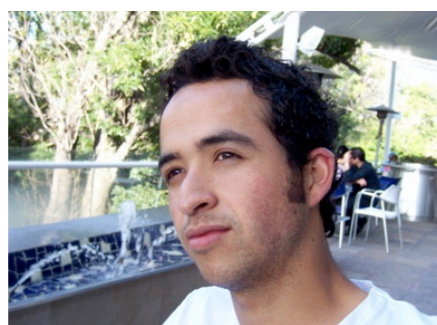
Even in an age of instant gratification, life's best takes time and effort.

-J.P. Moreland

Libre. I was a big, mean, villain who was conquered in the series through two, smaller luchadors. We had a blast making the video and it was a unique way to bring a source of light-heartedness to the conference.

UN BUEN AMIGO, DAVID

This semester I have had the incredible privilege to invest in a



Above: David thinking about big things - “What is for lunch?”

young man and good friend named David. Every Sunday at 430PM he and I meet at a local restaurant and study the Word over some coffee. Between his English and my broken Spanish we seem to be making progress. He has his Spanish KJV and I’ve got my ESV which creates a lot of questions. Consistently, we are driven to ask one other what a word or phrase means in our own language. With a limited freedom to choose from words, a layer of simplicity and significance adds to the text that comes alive to each of us. It is difficult to explain, but the Lord is teaching us great things.

A year ago, he was naturally drawn to Vida Estudiantil, because he felt it was a safe place to learn and grow. He has a rich biblical

PRAYER
No great spiritual awakening has begun anywhere in the world apart from united prayer.

-Students from all over the country are raising support for summer opportunities. This is a huge challenge. **Pray for their support and that their experience would draw them closer to the Lord.**

-Paul and I **need creative and effective ideas and decisions** to transition the ministry over to the Mexican students.

-Pray for the leaders of our movement- their walk with God, and that they would **take steps of faith** following where He calls.

Pray for **follow through on decisions** made at the conference by students and staff.

-Pray that the Scheeles and I would **finish well**. It is easy to think about leaving already or not trust God for more.

-Continued **growth and sanctification** in my life, by a **love for the Word**, and **deeper faith** in His character and **promises**.

-For college students of this country **to rise up and become leaders** to transform this country from the inside out with the power of the gospel.

-Pray for **David to obtain a vision and purpose** for his life. Pray the Word would become precious and sweet to Him and instill a courage to follow Christ.

background being a pastor’s kid, but he was pretty lonely growing up. We’ve been going through the gospels and learning what a true follower of Christ looks like, and more importantly what is true of that true follower. He is a stud. I’m excited to see where he will be in 5 years, and how the Kingdom of God will come through his life to impact this country. He is a junior in college studying international trade and has 2 years left. This year he has faithfully been a part of the student leadership team God has handed us, and desperately wants to see this movement in Puebla grow. I will not quickly forget this friendship. **L: David was a part of the video too. He is wearing the white outfit.**

